

UTLA Strike Update: Day 4 and 5

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Dear New LA Board,

I am hopeful that today will mark the end of school closures during the UTLA Strike. Both parties are at the table in confidential negotiations that will extend through the weekend. UTLA has planned a huge rally at Grand Park today and anti-charter rhetoric remains high.

Teachers at Baldwin Hills have continued to target the Elementary School over the past two days. This morning there was an uptick in their momentum, as they chanted "Privatizers take a hike!" while marching towards our school and blocking our lot. Another favorite from this week was "Privatization leads to segregation."

It is clear that the strike gave voice to the mounting tension between Baldwin Hills and New LA. To be frank--we are not welcomed there. Our Prop 39 offer will be issued on February 1, and it is likely that we will be offered one more classroom at Baldwin for 18-19. It is difficult to imagine another year on that campus after this week, and I am eager to consider other solutions.

In closing, I would like to share an excellent article with you from the *Washington Post* that accurately depicts the situation with public charter schools in Los Angeles. You can access the article [here](#), and I encourage you to share this article with your networks. The LA charter community has taken a serious hit due to the anti-charter rhetoric spread by UTLA, and any effort to share accurate and true information about our schools is helpful.

I hope to be in touch soon with good news that the Strike is over. In the meantime, I wish everyone the best on the eve of MLK weekend.

Warmly,
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